

(2) used its discredited Supreme Court to strip independent political parties of their leadership, including Voluntad Popular, Primero Justicia, and Acción Democrática;

Whereas the Maduro regime has a demonstrated track record of holding fraudulent elections over the last four years;

Whereas, on July 30, 2017, the Maduro regime manipulated the results for Venezuela's Constituent Assembly by more than 1,000,000 votes, according to Smartmatic, the company that supplied Venezuela's electronic voting machines;

Whereas, in May 2018, the Maduro regime held fraudulent presidential elections that were broadly criticized as illegitimate, leading more 50 countries to recognize the end of Nicolás Maduro's term in office and the inauguration of National Assembly President Juan Guaidó as Interim-President of Venezuela on January 23, 2019;

Whereas, according to the Venezuelan constitution, Juan Guaidó, as President of the National Assembly, serves as Venezuela's Interim President in the absence of democratically elected president of Venezuela;

Whereas the conditions do not currently exist for the free, fair, and transparent election of new members of the National Assembly or the president of Venezuela;

Whereas, as of September 7, 2020, the internationally recognized nongovernmental organization Foro Penal confirmed that, out of the 110 individuals recently released from prison by the Maduro regime to serve out the remainder of their sentences under house arrest, 53 were political prisoners, and that currently 363 political prisoners remain unjustly detained by the dictatorship without due process;

Whereas, on September 16, 2020, the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela found that Nicolás Maduro and senior members of his regime ordered and carried out a campaign of extrajudicial executions, forced disappearances, torture, and arbitrary detentions that amounted to systemic crimes against humanity;

Whereas the Maduro regime's efforts to hold fraudulent legislative elections, undermine the democratically elected National Assembly and independent political parties, and implement a campaign of state-sponsored violence and repression further erodes democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela; and

Whereas, as codified under section 4 of the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act (Public Law 113-278; 128 U.S.C. 3013), it is the policy of the United States "to support the people of Venezuela in their aspiration to live under conditions of peace and representative democracy as defined by the Inter-American Democratic Charter of the Organization of American States": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) denounces efforts by the Maduro regime to hold fraudulent legislative elections in an effort to undermine Venezuela's democratically elected National Assembly;

(2) joins members of the international community, including members of the Lima Group, in rightfully rejecting the Maduro's regime efforts to carry out fraudulent legislative elections;

(3) urges that presidential and legislative elections in Venezuela be conducted at the earliest possible date according to international standards for free, fair, and transparent electoral processes, including credible international election observation;

(4) calls on the Maduro regime to cease its campaign of systematic persecution against Venezuela's independent political parties and their leadership;

(5) calls on the Maduro regime to immediately release all political prisoners, facilitate access by humanitarian organizations, and end its campaign of extrajudicial executions, forced disappearances, torture, and arbitrary detentions of political opponents, human rights defenders, civil society activists, peaceful protesters, and citizens; and

(6) takes note of the finding of the United Nations Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that the Maduro regime's campaign of state-sponsored violence and repression against the people of Venezuela amounted to crimes against humanity, and calls for Nicolás Maduro and senior members of his regime to be held accountable for their actions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW

Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, I move to recess.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on the motion.

The motion is agreed to.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:50 p.m., stands in recess until Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 12 noon.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. MICHAEL T. PLEHN

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. RYAN T. OKAHARA

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. MARLON E. CROOK

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. DONALD R. BEVIS, JR.

THE FOLLOWING AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be brigadier general

COL. JOHN M. WEEK

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY PURSUANT TO TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. GEORGE N. APPENZELLER

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) RICHARD D. HEINZ

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. WESLEY R. MCCALL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. KEVIN P. LENOX

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

MICHAEL G. KING

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

JOHN M. TOKISH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

MARK Y. LEE

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADES INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 605:

To be captain

RAUL T. ACEVEDO
SAMANTHA A. DUTILY
TERRENCE E. FROST
JOHN M. HALTTUNEN
JUSTIN T. ISSLER
ROBERT S. JONES
JAMES A. MORROW
MATHIAS J. VORACHEK

To be commander

MIGUEL D. CHARLES
JASON A. FITE
DANIEL T. JONES
HENRY J. KENNEDY
PATRICK L. MCCLERNON
JEREMIAH S. SHUMWAY
ANDREW W. TOM
MATTHEW P. WARNECKE

To be lieutenant commander

ADAM K. ALBRECHT
DAVID M. ALLEN
KYLE C. ARNESON
NATHAN D. ASHINHURST
HARRISON B. ASKEW
MICHAEL H. AVERY
JASON F. BAITINGER
BRANDON L. BARKER
JASON B. BARKER
JAMES D. BARNES
ALEXANDER J. BODDIFORD
DAVID A. BRADLEY
CHASE F. BROWN
VANESSA D. BROWN
JOSEPH A. BUONACCORSO
WILLIAM R. CARTER III
CARLOS R. CEPEDA
DANIEL K. CHAPMAN
EVAN E. CHRISTMAN
PATRICK J. CONNAWAY
KENNETH W. DECKER
TIMOTHY R. DENNELLY
MATTHEW S. DESROSIER
ASHLEE J. DILLARDHOUSTON
KEVIN P. DOYLE, JR.
TONY G. DUNLAVY
DANIEL E. ESPINOZA
ALEXANDER J. FISHMAN
DANIEL M. GALGINATTIS
JOHN W. GANNON
MARIO A. GRANATA
TYRELL S. GRANT
HAMILTON R. GUBANC
BRIAN R. GURECK
JOHN H. HADDAD
ANDREW C. HAINES
HARLEY S. HARP
JACKSON W. HUMMELDORF
JASON C. INGRAM
WILLIAM B. JONES
CHRISTOPHER L. KAMINSKY
DANIEL J. KINDERVATER
JOHN A. LAWLER
HEATHER I. LEE
PHILIP S. LEE
JOHNNIE R. LOWERY, JR.
OWEN H. LYNCH
SAMANTHA F. MARGOLIS
MICHAEL J. MARTIN
MICHAEL A. MARTINEZ
ANTONIO E. MIRANDA
BRIAN T. MOORE
CHRISTOPHER C. MORGAN
RYAN D. MULLIN
CHRISTOPHER M. MURRAY
JOSEPH P. NEWMAN
ALEXANDER P. PAPADAKOS